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WANTED—Man to do chore work on farm and cut wood through winter. Jesse Robinson.

WANTED—Girl to do general housework. Apply to Mrs. E. J. Trafton, 460 Gage St.

WANTED—Orders for fruit trees, ornamental trees and shrubbery for spring delivery. Allen Nursery, Rochester, N. Y. C. Ainsworth, Agent, 31 West Main St. 447

WANTED—Faithful person to call on retail trade and agents for manufacturing house having well established business; local territory; straight salary \$20 paid weekly and expense money advanced; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent; business successful. Send self-addressed envelope, Superintendent Travelers, 605 Madison Ave., Chicago, Ill.

WANTED—Position by an experienced woman nurse. Best of references given. Inquire 442 Main St.

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THE LATE H. D. HALL.

Some of the Points of his Long and Active Career.

In the death of Hon Henry D. Hall of North Bennington Tuesday afternoon at the age of 80, Bennington loses one of the most genial, kind hearted and most generally liked men who ever grew up in the state of Vermont.

Mr Hall was one of eight children born to Governor Hiland Hall and was the oldest son. When a young man he taught district school for several terms, mostly in neighboring towns. He was married March 27, 1847, to Miss Caroline Thatcher of this village. She died four years ago.

For fifty years Mr Hall was prominently identified with the business interests of Bennington. He was a member of the firm of Fenton Hall and Co., which manufactured white and yellow china pottery ware.

Later he was in the lumber business with his brother-in-law the late T. W. Park and afterward he carried on a boot and shoe business here which he continued until he removed to North Bennington where for a number of years he was engaged in the manufacture of print cloths. Since his retirement from business he has been largely engaged in literary pursuits.

He was well known all over the state. He was for several years director from Bennington county in the Vermont mutual insurance company; he was one of the curators of the Vermont Historical society; was one of the officers of the General convention of Congregational churches and ministers of Vermont, and was one of the founders of the Bennington Battle Monument, and Historical societies.

He was always much interested in religious matters. In his early days he became a member of the old First church at Bennington, the village in which he was born. After removing to North Bennington he established a Sunday school, and from this grew the Congregational society in that village to which he transferred his allegiance when it was formed.

He was equally interested in school matters, and was school committee both here and in North Bennington. He also took a leading part in forming the public library in North Bennington, and labored in every way for its support and success.

He was an ardent republican and could always argue politics quietly. He was one of the last survivors of the party that went from here to the top of Stratton mountain in the "Tippecanoe, and Tyler too" campaign to hear Daniel Webster speak.

Three children were born to Mr and Mrs Hall. He is survived by two daughters, Mrs H. T. Cushman of North Bennington with whom he has resided since the death of his wife and Mrs Caroline Mattison of this village. A son died years ago. A brother Charles Hall of Springfield, Mass., is the last of the original family.

He was an uncle to Mrs J. G. McCullough, and to Mrs F. B. Jennings of New York. Mr Hall will be greatly missed by those with whom he has so long associated.

HOTTEST ON EARTH.

Missionary From Mandalay to Speak Here Sunday Night.

C. L. Davenport who has spent some years past as leader of the English speaking Baptists in Mandalay, Burma, is making a tour of the Baptist churches in this state. He spoke at Fair Haven on Tuesday and Poughkeepsie on Wednesday. He will be at Manchester for a conference and address on Friday afternoon and evening, at Shaftsbury Saturday, at North Bennington Sunday morning and Bennington on Sunday evening.

Mr Davenport comes from the new city of King Thebaw, known as the hottest city in the world. He brings a rare collection of Buddhist idols and curios, gathered among Mandalay's 188,000 people. It was near Mandalay that the pioneer Jackson suffered the terrible imprisonment at the hands of the Burman king in 1824. A railroad now runs through the city.

Notice.

A special town meeting for Shaftsbury has been called for Tuesday, Dec. 22nd at Cole hall in the south village. Business of importance to come before the meeting, which is called for 10 o'clock in the morning.

T. J. Mallory is cutting the soft wood timber back of the big pond and occupies Charles Sawyer's house.

DISTRICT MEETING

Large Gathering of Odd Fellows Here.

GRAND MASTER PRESENT

Stark Lodge Does the Honors as the Host and Degree Work Was Exemplified.

There was a good attendance of Odd Fellows belonging to the lodges in this county at the district convention held in Odd Fellows hall, Wednesday evening, D. D. G. M., C. Dart Greenslit presided. Among the Grand officers present were S. A. Reed, G. M.; H. L. Stillson, P. G. R. C. P. Endress, Grand Conductor.

The degree staff of Stark Lodge conferred the second degree in a capital manner. After the work of the meeting was completed, a banquet was served by the ladies of Miriam D. of R. Lodge, some 90 partaking of it.

Short speeches were made by several visiting and local brothers during the social hour that followed the banquet.

G. M. Reed rehearsed the secret work for the benefit of this district before the banquet was served.

It was shortly after midnight when the gathering broke up.

WOODFORD

Mrs Emily Higgins is quite ill. Clarence Cutler has been housed a week with sore throat.

John Rooney is successor to Amos Aldrich as health officer.

The Evening Banner "takes" well in Woodford and is appreciated. S. M. Bowles is writing an original story for the International magazine.

Joseph Gordon of Bennington, formerly of Montpelier and Burlington is working in town.

Fred A. Stone was a guest of his son Edward L. Stone of Bennington, Saturday night and Sunday.

Masters Raymond Higgins, Elmer Dwyddie and Elmer Shultz have visited relatives in Bennington.

The Sunday school and Christian Endeavor are making preparations for Christmas exercises at the Union church.

Mrs Lena Bowles will take the part of "Mrs Morgan" in a drama soon to be given by the S. of V. at Williams-town.

A. W. Hagar is on the trail of half a dozen bears. It keeps him busy. He thinks the cold weather will drive them into lodges where he can get them.

Preston Weld's dog started up a lynx in Dunville and Master Darrell Sawyer shot at it twice, hitting the animal once, but the wild cat gave a fierce snarl and ran away.

The closing exercises of Miss May Russell's school were interesting. There was a good attendance. Miss Russell's father and mother of North Bennington were present. Miss May Dyer of that village rendered valuable assistance. Director J. F. Smith, Mrs Edward Adams and Supt Bowles had parts in the program.

SHAFTSBURY DEPOT

The donation supper and sale of fancy articles held at the home of Wm. McDonald last Thursday night was a decided success. In spite of an unfavorable day, the night was fair and a large number came and enjoyed a fine chicken pie supper and spent a pleasant evening together. The proceeds, including what has been handed in since by those unable to be present, amount to about \$40. Many thanks are due Mr McDonald's family for the use of their home and for their thoughtful provision for the entertainment of all who came and much credit should be given those who did the soiling and helped in the collecting and other necessary work. The Ladies Aid had on sale some very fine fancy articles, some of which are still on hand and will be sold at the next supper.

RACING AT INGLESIDE.

Proper (Favorite) Second in Easy Victory.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 17.—Proper, the heavily played favorite, scored an easy victory in the mile and a sixteenth handicap, which was the feature of a good card at Ingleside. Bullman was suspended for three days by Starter Holtman for getting left at the post on Arthur Ray in the first race. Results:

First Race.—Alice Carey won; Mountbank, second; Puss in Boots, third.

Second Race.—Rockaway won; Mendon, second; Captain Forsee, third.

Third Race.—Red Cross Nurse won; Miss Ringlets, second; The Bugaboo, third.

Fourth Race.—Proper won; Fossil, second; Oarsman, third.

Fifth Race.—Nervator won; Sad Sam, second; Lansdowne, third.

Professionals May Race Autos.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—A cable from Paris has been received from the representative of the club on the international committee in charge of the arrangements for the race for the Bennett international automobile racing trophy. The rules governing the race were altered by the committee so as to allow cars to be driven by professionals provided the drivers are nominated by the clubs entering the cars. This means that America will be represented in the race in Germany next summer by a team of three of the best automobile drivers in this country, headed by Barney Oldfield, the holder of the world's mile track record of fifty-five seconds, and consequently the American team will have at least an even chance in the event.

Messenger Won by a Nose.

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 17.—The Bobby and Ivernia were the winning favorites. Of the other winners both Eve Russell and Cardinal Wolsey were well supported. J. P. Mayberry, favorite in the third race, fell at the half mile pole. The colt and rider, W. Hicks, both escaped injury. The Messenger in the last race was caught in the barrier and was practically left at the post. When he drew up to the others he was pocketed, but won out by a nose in a hard drive.

World Bowling Record.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 17.—In a match bowling contest here the blue ribbon team of the Central City league established a world's record for a five men team, scoring a total of 1,164. The former record was 1,152 pins. H. C. Stahlbord made eleven of thirty-seven strikes in a game marked by but two errors.

Mike Ward Beat Fitzgerald.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 17.—Mike Ward of Sarnia, lightweight champion of Canada, got the decision over Willie Fitzgerald of Brooklyn at the end of the tenth round here last night. The decision appeared to be unsatisfactory to all but Ward's friends.

England Beats Australia.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 17.—The first great test match at cricket between teams from England and Australia, which has just been concluded, lasted six days and was won by the Englishmen by five wickets.

Van Dyke at Princeton.

PRINCETON, N. J., Dec. 17.—The Rev. Dr. Henry Van Dyke addressed the students of the theological seminary here on the topic, "Fishers of Men." He will spend the Christmas season in Baltimore with Mrs. Van Dyke and their children.

Walker Died From His Wounds.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Dec. 17.—William Bostwick Walker, who shot himself twice over the heart with suicidal intent in his insurance office in Corning Monday morning, is dead. The cause of the suicide is not known.

Ten Dead in Burning Ship.

MARSEILLES, France, Dec. 17.—The bark San Leonardo burned in the harbor here all day until 10 o'clock at night. The fire on the ship resulted in the death of ten persons and the serious injury of two others.

Norfolk to Marry His Cousin.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—It is authoritatively announced that the Duke of Norfolk is engaged to be married to the Hon. Gwendolen Mary Maxwell, his cousin, elder daughter of Lord Herries.

Russian Jews Want to Emigrate.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—About 4,000 Jews at Kishineff and asking for aid to emigrate to Argentina or to Canada. They want tracts of land to establish colonies.

CONDENSED DISPATCHES.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scott were killed by the Pittsfield express near Lakeville, Conn.

Thirteen prisoners broke out of jail at Tombstone, Ariz., and escaped toward the Mexican border.

The sea of Azof, a tributary of the Black sea and important to Russian commerce, is drying up.

TRIAL'S END IS NEARING

Evidence In the Trial of Mrs. Mabel Rogers For Murder of Her Husband Expected To Be All In On Saturday.

One of the Witnesses Called By the State Is an Expert on Handwriting Who Testified In the Famous Molineux Case In New York a Year Ago.

It is expected that the state will finish putting in evidence in the Rogers' murder trial this afternoon or tomorrow morning. The defense will occupy the remainder of the time until adjournment Saturday. From all appearances the arguments will begin Monday.

Levi Perham also testified Wednesday afternoon that he frequently saw Morris Knapp and Mrs. Perham hugging and kissing each other.

In the cross-examination, the defense attempted to show that Levi was intoxicated the Sunday afternoon when he says Mrs. Rogers asked his aid in doing away with Rogers. He admitted that he had had a couple of beers but maintained that he was sober.

When pressed as to why he did not inform the authorities of the existence of the plot, he said he did not believe Mrs. Rogers was in earnest. He told his mother all about it.

The date of Perham's moving into the Safford street house was fixed as July 8th, 1902, by George M. Hawks.

Mrs. Laura Perham, mother of Leon and Levi, began her testimony about 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. Perham was very nervous and gave her evidence with difficulty.

Mrs. Rogers came to board with her family in June, when they lived on Beech street.

In July they moved to Safford street, and Mrs. Rogers occupied the front room upstairs. She slept on a mattress and springs laid on the floor.

Morris Knapp often came to see Mrs. Rogers on Beech street and when the Perhams moved to Safford street, he became a boarder in their house.

Mrs. Rogers always told Mrs. Perham that she was 19 years old and also represented that she was unmarried and that Marcus Rogers was her brother.

During the time she lived with the Perhams, Mrs. Rogers was unemployed and this led to Mrs. Perham's telling her to find board elsewhere, the Sunday before the murder was done.

Tuesday night Mr. and Mrs. Perham retired early, likewise Mrs. Rogers and Leon.

Mrs. Perham said her sleep was sound and not disturbed by any noises.

Thursday, Rogers' body was brought to her house. Mrs. Rogers then admitted that Marcus was her husband and told Mrs. Perham that, if she would let them bring the body into the house, she would pay her well for it, as she was to have \$500 insurance money.

Mrs. Perham permitted the body to be brought in.

The prisoner also told Mrs. Perham that she and Morris Knapp would be married in September.

Mrs. Perham said that Thursday morning Mrs. Rogers came down stairs and burned a package of letters in the kitchen stove; also that she hid her pen and ink in the pantry, where it had never been kept before.

Mrs. Rogers went out that morning and when she returned at noon, told Mrs. Perham that she had been subpoenaed to testify at an inquest as to the cause of her husband's death and that Mrs. Perham and Leon were wanted for the same purpose.

Mrs. Rogers told them she wanted them to go down there and testify just as she wanted them to; she wanted them to tell that Mr. Rogers had committed suicide.

"She wanted me to tell things that wasn't so," said the witness.

When Mrs. Rogers went to her room Mrs. Perham told Leon to tell the truth.

The prosecution here offered to show that Leon confessed his part in the crime to his mother, the witness.

Judge Watson, however, would not permit this to be done.

Mrs. Perham said that Mrs. Rogers was a very strong woman and that she had seen her pick Leon up and carry him across the kitchen.

The cross-examination was conducted by the respondent's counsel with a view to confusing the witness as to some differences between her testimony at the inquest and at this trial.

Under a heavy fusillade from Mr. Archibald, Mrs. Perham broke down and was in tears for some time and was scarcely able to go on.

Charles Potter, the furniture dealer, testified that Mrs. Rogers came into his store in August, 1902, and selected some furniture, saying that she was to marry a young painter whose name she refused to give.

She said that she would pay \$10 when the young man returned from muster and the balance in a "jump" within a short time.

Sheriff Wilson told that in a search of Mrs. Rogers' room he found the name "Marcus Rogers" written several times in a number of books and some sheets of note paper which he found there were shown in court.

This paper is of the same appearance as that upon which the note was written which was found with Rogers' hat.

Enmett Perham, father of Leon and Levi, was in the witness-box for a few minutes and corroborated his wife's testimony.

Sele S. Pike, for whom Leon Perham worked, said that Leon did not work Tuesday and Wednesday night, of the week of the crime.

Miss Mabel Phillpott, a relative of Marcus Rogers, was the next witness and swore that Marcus came to her home the evening on which he was killed, about 7 o'clock. He showed her his insurance book which was later in the possession of Mrs. Rogers.

He went away about 8 o'clock and had the book with him.

Mrs. Rogers swore at the inquest that at the end of her quarrel with Marcus at the Spaulding house that same afternoon, he threw this book into her lap.

Miss Myrtle Phillpott, the next witness had also seen the insurance book that night.

When Marcus came to their house he hung his umbrella on a nail, put a bottle of medicine on the clock shelf and ate supper.

The state was not permitted to show that when going away Marcus said he was going to meet his wife.

The next day Mrs. Rogers went to Phillpott's. She had the insurance

ance book with her. She said she was worried about Marcus and thought she had better ring in the fire alarm. She felt as if something had happened to him—she felt that he had drowned himself.

Miss Phillpott said he might have gone to his brother's in Hoosick, but Mrs. Rogers said he would not go and leave his umbrella and medicine.

Only the end of the umbrella could be seen hanging down from under the coat and the medicine bottle was behind a glass where Mrs. Rogers could not see it.

She wondered if she had better tell that she had quarrelled with Marcus and added that she might have to sometime.

A handwriting expert from New York is testifying as we go to press.

MT. ANTHONY CHAPTER.

Visited Wednesday Evening by Mrs. Helen C. Cole, D. D. G. M.

Mrs. Helen C. Cole, D. D. G. M. of the first district O. E. S. of Vermont made an official visit to Mt. Anthony chapter Wednesday evening. Past D. D. G. P., Joel B. Woodhull accompanied her. There were also delegations from Tucker chapter, and from Red Mountain chapter. It was expected that John H. Whipple, D. D. G. P. would be present but he was unavoidably detained.

The degrees of the order were conferred in a manner that elicited much praise from the visitors. After the business of the meeting was completed a supper was served. A social hour followed with short talks from Mrs. Cole, and Dr. Woodhull. Mrs. Cole also represented the National Grand chapter of which she is Grand Warden.

PROBABLY INCENDIARY.

The Fire at North Petersburg Sunday When \$15,000 Went Up in Smoke.

Investigation of the burning of the store at North Petersburg Sunday night leads to the conclusion that the fire was of incendiary origin.

Mr. Rosenberg who conducted the store, had a secret drawer in which the silver was kept. He lives a mile or more from the store and so much silver was taken in it was inconvenient to take it home.

Saturday night, on closing the store some \$125 in silver was in the drawer. In searching the ruins Wednesday afternoon no trace of the silver could be found.

It is supposed that burglars entered the store and set fire to the building to cover their crime. The loss amounted to about \$15,000.

K. OF P. ENTERTAIN

Serve a Clam Chowder Followed by Musical Entertainment.

The Knights of Pythias held a very pleasant session in Pythian hall Wednesday evening. This was followed by a Chowder social. About fifty sat down to this and a very enjoyable time followed.

After the chowder the members and visitors adjourned to the parlors where they listened to informal speeches from several.

George Donnelly of Boston and Rudolph Goldsmith rendered several very pleasing instrumental duets. Among those who composed by Mr. Goldsmith, which was christened then and there the "K. of P. Twostep."

After a social time, the company broke up. It was voted by all to be the best Chowder social ever held.

Weather Forecast.

Washington, Dec. 17.—Fair continued, calm night and Friday no so cold Saturday. Fresh winds mostly westerly.



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